

ON BOARD

May 10, 2025



News and Views from the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association

Next Meeting:

Saturday, Saturday, June 6, 2026

NJLBHA Board Meeting

10:00 AM EST

Zoom Meeting Link: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Current Articles and Requests for Participation

A PERSONAL NOTE TO OUR RENEWAL AND PROSPECTIVE NJLBHA MEMBERS:

Please be advised that the NJ Local Boards of Health association is switching to an on line method of billing, replacing the US mailing we have traditionally done. This is necessitated in order to eliminate the huge cost of printing and mailing incurred against our very limited revenue stream almost exclusively consisting of dues.

The transition to this new system is requiring a major investment of staff time this first year in order to get it right. consequently we are slowly working through this process in order to get the letter, brochure and invoice to you through your local government administration. Please have your town clerk or registrar be on the lookout for this email being processed for us by constant contact. The name and address section on the top of the invoice will have to be filled out locally and forwarded to us along with your purchase order. As in past years, our treasurer will sign and return your purchase order with a welcome letter and a sheet of membership cards for your distribution.

We apologize for the confusion this transition has created. However, we are actively engaged every day in speaking up on your behalf in support of funding, programs, collaboration and as your voice in Trenton and Washington, ,DC.

We will be rolling out a new and greatly expanded on-line training program offering a more in-depth education of your roles and responsibilities as addressed in our website njlbha.org and specifically in the orientation manual for local boards of health contained therein.

We are an IRS. approved 501 [c] [3] charitable organization and welcome any tax exempt contributions. Any groups or individuals willing to assist us in our advocacy, education and collaboration efforts may send an offering in any amount to; NJLBHA, PO box 5069, Kendall Park, NJ 08824. remember that we are your voice in Trenton and Washington!

So, please support us starting with your membership. Our membership year starts annually on April 1st. be a part of the action! we need every one of you, your ideas and your voice.

Thanx,
Paul David Roman
President, NJLBHA

Register to attend the webinar on Wednesday, May 13th at 12PM for FREE!

New Jersey Chapter

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NJAAP Presents L.I.F.E. Talks Webinar Series

Join us for a webinar on the current state of the child health and education workforce. Prominent panelists in the healthcare and legal industries will address:

- Expanding diversity within the healthcare field
- Healthcare education
- Employment law and peer review



Moderated by NJAAP Chapter Vice President,
Puthenmadam Radhakrishnan, MD, MPH, FAAP
and NJAAP LIFE Officer,
Marvalyn DeCambre, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAP

FREE LIVE WEBINAR



Wednesday
May 13, 2026



Time
12:00-1:00PM

[Register Now](#)

PANELISTS



Willie Underwood III,
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President-elect,
American Medical Association



Alexandra Garcia-Watts,
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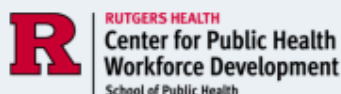
Health Law Attorney
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For more information about this webinar,
email Ashley Saab (asaab@njaap.org) and Lanette Mantle (lmantle@njaap.org)

[Download this Flyer](#)

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PUBLIC HEALTH WEBINAR

Protecting Public Health Communicable Disease Preparedness for the 2026 FIFA World Cup

**Monday
5/11/26**

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

About

Join the NJDOH Regional Epidemiology Program for a Communicable Disease Forum focused on the communicable disease preparedness and response during the FIFA World Cup with an emphasis on measles and foodborne illness investigations.

REGISTER AT
go.rutgers.edu/worldcup

Presented by:

Meredith Hodach Avalos, MD, MPH, MSc

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NJ Public Health CE and CHES/MCHES Credits:

Participants who complete this webinar will be awarded 1.25 New Jersey Public Health Continuing Education Contact Hour (CE). Rutgers-SPH has been approved by the New Jersey Department of Health as a provider of NJ Public Health Continuing Education Contact Hours (CEs). 1.25 CHES/MCHES credit will be provided.

Disclosure statement: The planning committee, presenters, faculty, authors, and content reviewers have no relevant financial relationships. Disclosure forms are required, and they are reviewed for any issues. Speakers are required to present balanced and unbiased presentations. There is no commercial support for this program.

*As President of NJLBHA I have been selected to be a founding member of the board of reviewers for our new NJ journal of public health. Please read the criteria for submissions on the attachment.
Respectfully,
Paul David Roman*

Dear Colleagues,

I am reaching out to share a call for papers for the *New Jersey Journal of Public Health (NJJPH)* and to ask if you would be willing to circulate it among your members. *NJJPH* is a new, peer-reviewed, open-access journal created to highlight public health work across New Jersey, including the kinds of applied, practice-based efforts that are often not captured in traditional academic publications.

We are especially interested in submissions from public health practitioners, including:

- Program descriptions and evaluations
- Case studies from local or county health departments
- Practice-based innovations or lessons learned
- Policy and implementation insights

Many impactful public health initiatives are never formally documented or shared beyond their immediate context. *NJJPH* aims to provide a practical and supportive venue for bringing this work to a broader audience.

If you are willing, I would greatly appreciate you sharing the attached call for papers with your membership or relevant listservs.

Thank you for your continued leadership in advancing public health practice in New Jersey. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Katie Pincura
Editor-in-Chief
New Jersey Journal of Public Health
<https://njjph.org/>

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May /June

The Heat Beneath Our Feet: The Potential and Challenges for Thermal Energy Networks in New Jersey

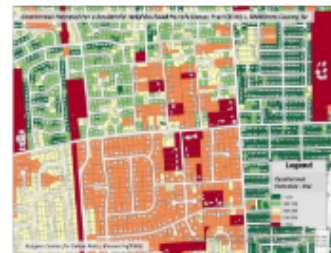
Webinar: May 13, 2026, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

[Register for Webinar](#)

Thermal energy networks (TENS) are large-scale geothermal systems in which multiple buildings are connected for heating and cooling purposes.

Join us for this webinar which presents the results of this Rutgers-led study on the feasibility of these TENS systems in New Jersey.

View the full report at cupr.rutgers.edu/products/large-scale-thermal-energy-network-systems-in-new-jersey-feasibility-marketability-benefits-and-costs.



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RESCHEDULED WEBINARS -- NJAC 8:57 Regulatory Overview Webinar (Subchapters 3, 4, and 6)

Date: May 5, 2026

Public Health Message Type: Alert Advisory Update Information

Intended Audience: All public health partners Health Care providers

Infection preventionists Local health departments Schools/child care ACOs

Animal health professionals Other:

The NJAC 8:57 Regulatory Overview Webinars (Subchapters 3, 4, and 6) have been rescheduled.

The webinar will review key requirements outlined in NJAC 8:57, Subchapters 3, 4, and 6, including immunization requirements, documentation standards, provisional admission, exemptions, audits, exclusions, and related compliance responsibilities.

Please see the [new dates and times](#) below:

Dates	Time	Registration Link
Thursday, May 14, 2026	10:30-11:30 AM	zoomgov.com/meeting/register/taSDfvTBTrendjxd1064Tw
Tuesday, May 19, 2026	5:00-6:00 PM	zoomgov.com/meeting/register/SIhM7DopQHe245xMfsg-Gg

Feel free to attend one or both sessions. The selected dates and times were chosen based on feedback from school nurses and partner organizations to better accommodate participants' availability.

If you are unable to attend at the scheduled times, please feel free to register anyway. An archived recording will be shared with all registrants after each session.

Additionally, if your organization is interested in scheduling a separate webinar, please let us know and we would be happy to accommodate.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we worked to finalize these updates. Thank you again for your understanding. We look forward to having you join us.

If you have any questions, please contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 609-826-4861 or email Jeni Sudhakaran at Jenish.Sudhakaran@doh.nj.gov.



We're excited to invite you to our upcoming **IP LTC Office Hours** focused on the **Infection Preventionist's Role in Environment of Care (EOC) Rounding**.

Do you have questions about EOC rounding? Do you have a program you're proud of and would like to share with others? Maybe, you want to learn more about what other facilities are doing to improve your EOC rounding!

Consider attending this collaborative discussion to help support the long-term care IP community! This is a great opportunity to collaborate, exchange ideas, and help strengthen your IPC efforts.

Session Details:

Date: Tuesday, May 12

Time: 1:00 PM

Register here:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/AtYkgfq8Sj-m6vh7OYQKlw>

NJPHA NEW JERSEY PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
SPRING NETWORKING EVENT
REGISTER BY MAY 15



DR. KATIE PINCURA
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**GOING VIRAL:
MISINFORMATION AND
PUBLIC HEALTH**

*Join us for an engaging evening of networking,
insightful discussion, and community connection.*

 **CONNECT. COLLABORATE. STRENGTHEN PUBLIC HEALTH.**

 **DATE & TIME**
May 20, 2026
5:30pm - 8:00pm

 **LOCATION**
Bloustein School of Planning
and Public Policy,
Rutgers University,
33 Livingston Ave, New
Brunswick, NJ 08901
Governor Florio Forum (Auditorium)

 **COST**
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For more information visit:
www.njpha.org

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 **REGISTRATION LINK**
[Eventbrite Link](#)

SCAN TO REGISTER!



*Rutgers Center for Public Health Workforce Development
is a co-sponsor of the event*



Stay Well, Protect Yourself

RESPIRATORY HEALTH + IMMUNIZATION NEWS FROM CDC NCIRD

MEASLES
MAY 2026

STAY HEALTHY

OBSERVANCES

Welcome to the Respiratory Health and Immunization Newsletter from CDC. This is your trusted source for clear, timely information on immunizations and respiratory illnesses. Whether you're looking for vaccination updates, tips to prevent respiratory illnesses, or reliable answers to common questions, this newsletter is here to support your health decisions with credible, easy-to-understand information.

Protect your family from measles before summer travel

Since early 2025, measles cases have been increasing in the United States and in many places [around the world](#). Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children.

While we can't predict where measles will spread, outbreaks occur when measles is introduced into communities with large numbers of people who are not protected against measles. CDC continues to recommend the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine as the best way to prevent measles.

What you can do

If you're unsure if you're protected against measles, talk to your doctor about MMR vaccine, especially if you or your child plan to travel.

Vaccination timing tips

With spring and summer [travel season](#) approaching, plan to be fully vaccinated at least 2 weeks before your trip. If your trip is less than 2 weeks away and you're not protected, you should still get a dose of MMR vaccine. Call your doctor or your local health department; or [locate a health center or clinic near you](#) to schedule an appointment for the MMR vaccine.

[Visit CDC's measles website for the latest news](#) →

Stay healthy year round



Anyone who is not protected against measles is at risk.





Preparedness for Public Health Emergencies at Risk Amid Federal Funding and Workforce Instability, New Report Finds

Ready or Not 2026 finds wide variation in state preparedness and warns that federal disruption could weaken emergency readiness nationwide

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Amid deep federal staffing cuts, grant terminations, and other far-reaching changes to the federal public health system, Americans have faced a severe flu season, surging measles case counts, and devastating extreme weather events. Released today by Trust for America's Health (TFAH), [*Ready or Not 2026: Protecting the Public's Health from Diseases, Disasters, and Bioterrorism*](#) finds wide variation in states' readiness for health emergencies and warns that national preparedness depends not only on state capacity, but also on strong and stable federal systems, sustained intergovernmental coordination, and long-term investment in public health infrastructure. The report's special feature examines how recent federal workforce reductions and funding instability could weaken preparedness nationwide.

This annual report measures the nation's readiness for public health emergencies through 10 indicators of state preparedness and places states and the District of Columbia into three performance tiers: high, middle, and low. This year's report placed 20 states in the high-performance tier, 17 states and the District of Columbia in the middle-performance tier, and 13 states in the low-performance tier. These benchmarks provide policymakers and health officials with a roadmap for strengthening emergency preparedness.

[**Read the Report**](#)

NJLBHA LinkedIn Account Reactivated



The New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association is excited to announce the re-activation of their official LinkedIn account! This platform will now serve as a hub for updates, resources, and collaboration opportunities to strengthen public health across the State. Follow along to stay connected with local initiatives, upcoming events, and important health news.

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